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EXPORT OF HERBAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether recent studies have revealed a vast potential for exports of herbal products;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the countries and markets for export of such products;

(c) the total quantum and value of exports of such products during the last three years and the current year so far; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to exploit such export potential?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) East European countries, CIS and Far East Countries.

(c) The total quantum and value of exports of herbal products during the last three years and the current year upto July are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002		April, 2002 to July, 2002	
(in million/kg)							
Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
39.45	195.49	47.48	315.77	49.55	432.85	20.30	246.07

(d) Government of India on its part is extending financial assistance under Market Development Assistance Scheme to the exporters including ayurvedic and herbal exporters for competing in foreign markets through participation in international fairs and exhibitions, for mounting trade delegations and for conducting market surveys in foreign countries. Department of Indian System of Medicines and Homoeopathy exclusively concentrates on all aspects of herbal industry to redress various problems faced by the industry and has also constituted a `National Medicinal Plants Board` for ensuring development and sustainable use of medicinal plants and to deal with various issues relating to medicinal plants.